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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Corporal Rafael "Ralph"
4 Delgado for his service to the United States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, Corporal Rafael Delgado, or Ralph as he is known
6 to the community leaders and his friends in the 40th district,
7 was injured last summer by an improvised explosive device while
8 serving in Iraq as part of the United States Army Reserves; he
9 suffered a traumatic brain injury and is currently undergoing
10 therapy at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C.; and

11 WHEREAS, Rafael "Ralph" Delgado worked for former State
12 Representative Rich Bradley and was a huge presence in the
13 community; he attended monthly police meetings, read books to
14 kids, and dressed up as Santa Claus; and

15 WHEREAS, In cold weather he would volunteer to shovel the
16 walks of the elderly, in warm weather he would volunteer at the
17 parks; he is an active member of his church, and ran a church
18 men's softball team; he would donate his own money for Brands
19 Park's Halloween party and for Independence Park's Brunch with
20 Santa; and

21 WHEREAS, He is good with kids and belonged to the advisory

1 council of Brands Park and helped the park buy new ceiling
2 tiles; he also helped to push for a playground at the park,
3 which is breaking ground this summer; and

4 WHEREAS, He, his wife, his mother, and his children are
5 vital and valued citizens of the State of Illinois; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 honor Corporal Delgado for his service to his country and wish
10 him a speedy recovery; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Corporal Rafael "Ralph" Delgado as a symbol of our
13 respect and admiration.